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CROSS PLAINS, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS 76443

NUMBER 22



2008-2009 VARSITY CHEERLEADERS—Shasta Bacon (back, from left), Shelby Ames, Emily Harris, Zoie Walker, Kenzie Taff (Mascot), Kodi Roberts, Amanda Dunaway, Lauren Loyless; Samantha Dickson (front, from left) Terrah Augustine, and Emma Bennett (Head Cheerleader).

2008-2009 Varsity Cheerleaders Attend Cheer Camp

The Varsity Cheerleaders attended cheer camp at ASU in San Angelo July 21-24. Those attending were Seniors- Terrah Augustine and Emily Harris, Juniors- Emma Bennett (head cheerleader), Shasta Bacon, and Amanda Dunaway, Sophomores- Lauren Loyless and Kodi Roberts and the Freshman were Shelby Ames, Samantha Dickson, Zoie Walker, Kenzie Taff (Mascot), and Coach- Evelyn Harris.

Our four days at camp were very busy and successful. We had our first evaluation on Tuesday for "Game Day" and received a superior ribbon for chant and an excellent ribbon for cheer, and the "Herkie" Award given for the most spirit, voted on by the other squads in our group. Mascot, Kenzie Taff received a superior ribbon for her skit she incorporated in the "Game Day" evaluation. Our second evaluation was on Thursday for "Cheer" and we received a superior ribbon for

cheer and chant.

Shasta Bacon, Lauren Loyless, Emily Harris, Emma Bennett, Kodi Roberts, Samantha Dickson, Amanda Dunaway, Terrah Augustine and Kenzie Taff (Mascot) were All American Nominees. Those girls tried out individually on Wednesday night performing three consecutive jumps, spirit, tumbling entrance, the camp cheer and spirited off in front of judges and other cheer squads. After a special skit performed by the Mascots for the Seniors on Wednesday night the girls were treated to a movie- "We Are Marshall".

Following a performance by the coaches, the award ceremony was held. The squad was awarded a Bid for NCA events. This was given to squads who have exemplified a positive attitude, good sportsmanship and spirit. The All American Team was selected and from our squad Emily Harris, Emma Bennett,

Lauren Loyless, Amanda Dunaway, and Samantha Dickson were chosen. Samantha was given the Top All American Award. This was awarded to the highest scoring All American tryout at camp. Kenzie Taff was an All American Mascot. We received the S.P.O.T. (Safety and Spotting, Perfection before Progression, Organization, Technique) Award. The squad brought home the trophy for Champion Chant, they received a spirit stick every day they were at camp and brought home the "Spirit Megaphone" for the team with the most spirit of all the camp. Kenzie Taff received an award for "Most Creative" and "Most Spirited" and received two spirit sticks in the Mascot Division. Evelyn Harris received an award for the Most Positively Prepared Coach.

We had a lot of fun during these four days and look forward to a great year.

3 of 4 County school districts are Recognized

Baird, Cross Plains and Eula ISD all received Recognized accountability ratings, while Clyde CISD was rated Academically Acceptable, according to the Texas Education Agency's annual accountability rating for all Texas school districts.

The annual ratings were issued last week by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) based primarily on student performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills (TAKS) administered in the spring, along with other educational factors. Texas schools are rated with Exemplary being the highest rating a school district or district campus can receive. Other ratings include Recognized, Academically Acceptable, and Academically Unacceptable.

Clyde CISD, the largest of the four county schools, received the Academically Acceptable rating. Two of the school district's four campuses, Clyde Intermediate School and Clyde Elementary School, received the higher Recognized rating, according to the TEA. Clyde High School and Clyde Junior High School both received the Academically Acceptable rating, according to the TEA.

Eula ISD received the Recognized rating, with Eula High

CALLAHAN COUNTY DISTRICT & CAMPUS RATINGS	
CLYDE CISD	ACADEMICALLY ACCEPTABLE
CLYDE HIGH SCHOOL	ACADEMICALLY ACCEPTABLE
CLYDE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	ACADEMICALLY ACCEPTABLE
CLYDE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	RECOGNIZED
CLYDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	RECOGNIZED
EULA ISD	RECOGNIZED
EULA HIGH SCHOOL	RECOGNIZED
EULA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL	RECOGNIZED
EULA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	RECOGNIZED
BAIRD ISD	RECOGNIZED
BAIRD HIGH SCHOOL	RECOGNIZED
BAIRD MIDDLE SCHOOL	ACADEMICALLY ACCEPTABLE
BAIRD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	RECOGNIZED
CROSS PLAINS ISD	RECOGNIZED
CROSS PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL	ACADEMICALLY ACCEPTABLE
CROSS PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	RECOGNIZED

School, Eula Junior High School and Eula Elementary School all receiving the Recognized rating.

Baird ISD was rated Recognized, with Baird High School and Baird Elementary School both receiving the Recognized rating, while Baird Middle School rated Academically Acceptable.

Cross Plains ISD was rated Recognized, with Cross Plains Elementary School receiving the Recognized rating and Cross Plains High School rated Academically Acceptable.

As usual, the large majority (85%) of Exemplary campuses

across the state of Texas are elementary schools, according to figures from the TEA. A total of 846 out of the 996 Exemplary schools for the past school year were elementary schools, with only 87 junior high campuses given the top rating, and even fewer high schools, 40, rated Exemplary.

There are 1,229 districts in Texas, including charter operators, with 8,195 separate campuses. Very few school districts, only 43 (3.5%), achieved the highest Exemplary status.

ACCOUNTABILITY RATING	ALL DISTRICTS		ALL CAMPUSES	
	COUNT	PERCENT	COUNT	PERCENT
EXEMPLARY	43	3.5%	996	12.2%
RECOGNIZED	328	26.7%	2,815	34.4%
ACADEMICALLY ACCEPTABLE	818	66.6%	3,509	42.8%
ACADEMICALLY UNACCEPTABLE	37	3.0%	217	2.6%
NOT RATED: OTHER	3	0.2%	657	8.0%

Callahan County Shooting Sports Archery Fundraiser set for this Saturday

The Callahan County 4-H Shooting Sports will be hosting an "Open Shoot 3-D Archery Match" at the Callahan County Shooting Range located on FM 18 between Clyde and Baird on Saturday, August 16th.

The Open Shoot has been organized to help offset medical expenses for Roger Smith of Graham. Smith is a 4-H director of Texas Shooting Sports and advisor to Callahan County. Smith was seriously injured following the State Shooting Sports games. He lost some items from the roof of his vehicle and was struck by another moving vehicle as he tried to retrieve them. Smith is in critical condition in a San Antonio

hospital. In order to help his family the Callahan County 4-H will be hosting this open event to help raise funds for Smith's expenses.

Entry fee for the Open Shoot will be \$25.00 and on site registration will be available the day of the meet. The Shoot is open to both youth and adults.

Targets will be 3-D targets with unmarked distances as follows: (Ages will be determined by age as of August 31, 2007.) Juniors ages 9 (or 8 and third grade) & 10 years—1 to 30 yards; Intermediates ages 11 to 13 years of age, 1 to 50 yards; Seniors 14 to 18 years of age, 1 to 60 yards and adults

ages 19 and over, distances are unknown.

Awards of 1st through 3rd places will be given in each age group and the current 4-H archery rules will apply.

Equipment: Barebow- Recurve or Long Bow: (no sighting devices or releases); Recurve: with sighting device, but no release aids; Compound: (no sights or releases); Compound- Aided: (with sights and/or releases).

Time: will be 2 minutes per target for lost arrows.

"Open Shoot Archery Match" supervisors are Larry McIntire- Callahan County 325-280-1824.

DOWN HOME

Editor's Note: The following poem was composed by Bobby Haddox, Deborah Griswold's brother. Bobby is a pastor in Oklahoma. You will enjoy his beautiful poetry. Vanda Anderson

"Today I Said A Prayer For You"

By Bobby Haddox

Today I said a prayer for you,
I hope that you don't mind,
I prayed you'd let God use you,
And make you gentle, good
and kind.

Yes, I prayed that he would
bless you,
And make all your dreams
come true.
But mostly that you'd let him
lead you,
In everything you do.

I know the trial you're
going through,
Brings new questions every day.
I ask God to give you wisdom,
As you get on your knees
and pray.

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Beach Party at the Methodist Church

What does a lifeguard, a flock of flamingos, a talking beach ball, a surf shop, a homeless person and a lot of excited kids and adults have in common? They are all a part of the big beach party at the Methodist Church on North Main in Cross Plains.

All children who have completed Pre-K up through the 6th grade are invited to join the fun as we go Surfin' Through the Scriptures, looking for Beach Be-Attitudes of kindness and forgiveness. The parable of the Unforgiving Servant will provide the Biblical launch pad for the Vacation Bible School on Friday evening, August 15th and all day Saturday, August 16th.

Rounding out the activities that will send us riding the waves of God's love will be crafts, science activities, recreation, music, in addition to the Bible story time. And, of course, there will be plenty of food and wholesome snacks throughout the day.

A blast off party will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Friday with registration and a light sandwich supper. The actual evening program will start at 6:00 p.m. with the children sampling all the activity areas before parents join us at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a very brief closing.

Saturday will be a full day beginning with a 9:00 a.m. check-in and some extra fun activities before the opening assembly at 9:30. Youngsters will be grouped by age in such surfing groups as Duck Divers, Goofy Footers, Rippers, Tailsliders and Tube Riders. "Lifeguards" will stay with the groups as they move from activity to activity.

The day will end with a program for surfer families at 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see ya'll at the beach. For more information, please call 725-4993.

Submitted by Arlene Stephenson

Back to School

Cross Plains High School Students in grades 7-12 may pick up their 2008-2009 schedules Friday, August 15th from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the High School Foyer.

Any new students to the district will need to turn in all completed paperwork before schedules are issued.

Cross Plains Community Blood Drive Tuesday

A community blood drive will take place on Tuesday, August 19th. The Meek Blood Center Bloodmobile will be at First Baptist Church Cross Plains from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

"The summer months, especially August, are challenging," said Frances Baker, donor recruiter. "Usage never slows down and blood must be available when it is needed. No patient should ever have to wait for a blood transfusion because it could be a matter of life or death."

"The blood supply is completely dependent on volunteers who make a choice to donate blood out of the goodness

of their hearts," Baker continued. "I am very thankful that there are good-hearted people who live in this area. They are truly a lifeline to patients with many different health problems who can all be helped by receiving blood from another person."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and in good health. All donors are required to present a photo ID. Those who have eligibility questions may call 325-670-2798 or visit www.meekbloodcenter.org.

Each donor will receive a free mini-physical, total cholesterol test and a patriotic T-shirt.



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 Sunday Morning Worship...11:00 am
 2990 Highway 36 at Rowden 12 Miles West of Cross Plains

OBITUARIES

Mary Catherine "Cathie" (Smoot) Meador

Mary Catherine "Cathie" (Smoot) Meador, age 75, died Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at her home. Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 8, 2008, at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with Matt McGowen officiating; burial followed in the Sabanno Cemetery.

Cathie was born May 21, 1933 to W.N. and Mary Ella (Wood) Smoot in Ranger, Texas. She married T.O. Meador in Cisco, Texas on June 10, 1949. She was the mother of three, a son and two daughters. She enjoyed crafts and embroidery as well as sewing. She was a member of the Pioneer Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, T.O. Meador of Pioneer; two daughters, Shirley Smith and husband Jerry of Pioneer and Janice McKinney and husband Jerry of Mulberry Arkansas; one brother, Odean Smoot and wife Shirley of Pioneer; two sisters, Kay Thompson and husband Ott of Blanket and Barbara Henson and husband Arnold of Waco; a sister-in-law, Judy Smoot of Eula; seven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Jerry Lynn Meador, a brother, Bill Smoot, and sister, Martha Smoot.

Thomas Marion Byers

Funeral services for Thomas Marion Byers, 82, of Coleman, were Thursday, July 31, at Stevens Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Burkett Cemetery, under the direction Stevens Funeral Home.

He died Monday, July 28, 2008, at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

He was born Dec. 28, 1925, in Bienville, La., the son of Willard Manton Byers and Carrie Ann Tabor Byers. He grew up in Louisiana and married Betty Jo Foster on Dec. 5, 1952, at the home of Bill and Inez Vess in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He served in the U.S. navy during World War II. He graduated from Abilene Christian College and was a preacher for more than 50 years. He moved to Coleman in 2002.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Byers of Coleman; two daughters, Elizabeth Burkley and husband, Terry, of Red Oak, and Esther Cox and husband, Daniel, of Stamford; two sons, Thomas Byers Jr. and wife, Carla, of Abilene; 15 grandchildren; four sisters, Velma Byers and Esther Byers, both of Burkett, Fay Hagar and husband, Ray, of Abilene, Bernice Byers of Niagara, Wis.; one brother, Charles Byers and wife, Norma of Merkel and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, Dora Driskell, Cora Robertson and Vira Byers; and two brothers, Willard Byers and Dan Byers.

Johnny E. Baugh

Johnny E. Baugh, age 71, of Coleman, died Saturday, August 2, 2008, at Hendrick Medical Center.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 5, 2008, at Elm Street Church of Christ with Gerald Stockstill officiating. Burial was in the Coleman City Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Johnny E. Baugh was born June 28, 1937, a son of the late Claude A. and Vergie L. Dillard Baugh. He grew up in Cross Plains where he graduated from high school in 1955. In 1958 he married Melba Meador in Coleman.

He served 28 years in the National Guard and United States Army Reserve, retiring as a Captain. He worked as the Utility Office Manager for the City of Coleman for many years.

Johnny was active in the community as a volunteer firefighter, a reserve police officer, a member of the Kiwanis Club, and served on the Coleman School Board. He coached Little League, was a member of the Coleman Bluecat Booster Club, and enjoyed watching his grandchildren and great-grandchildren participate in extracurricular activities.

In 2001 and 2002, Johnny and Melba spent a month in Lithuania on a missionary trip. He was a member of Elm Street Church of Christ, where he had served as a deacon and various activities of the church.

Survivors include his wife, Melba Baugh of Coleman; four children, Tim Baugh and wife Dena of Greenwood, Tammy Smith and husband Sherman of Coleman, Terry Baugh and wife Penne of Breckenridge, Tina Hensley and husband John of Coleman; eight grandchildren, Laura Anastasio, Eric Baugh, Breann Baugh, Rick Smith, Turner Baugh and fiancée Brandi Funderburg, Hunter Baugh, Ryan Hensley and wife Johnna, Brent Hensley and wife Lindsey; five great-grandchildren, Ivie Smith, Landan, Camden, Morgan and Hayden Hensley; a sister, Claudette Ross and husband R.Q. of Carlsbad, NM; a brother, Steve Baugh and wife Dale of Abilene; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law.

He was preceded in death by three grandchildren, Randy Smith, Trena Jo Baugh and Allison Ruth Baugh.

Memorials may be made to Elm Street Church of Christ, 215 W. Elm, Coleman, TX 76834 or Hendrick Hospice Car, 1682 Hickory Street, Abilene, TX 79601.

Clay Jacobs to be at Cross Plains Cowboy Church August 24th

Clay Jacobs will be at the Cross Plains Cowboy Church on August 24th, 2008.

We will also be having a pot luck dinner after church. Please come and be with us and listen to some country gospel music and preaching. Services will start at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions feel free to call 254-725-6446 or 325-518-5514.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

COUNTY COURTHOUSE (burglary of a habitation).
 Roger Corn, Presiding

Misdemeanor Filings

Toby D. Gifford, driving while intoxicated (DWI).

Billy Joe Jones, possession of marijuana.

Jaime C. Mora, possession of a controlled substance.

Tricia L. Paris, theft by check.

Marcus Navarro, theft by check.

Eva M. Gonzales, theft by check.

Bryce Dee Davis, over-weight violation and farm tag violation.

Trevor Smith, evading arrest.

Marriage Licenses

Christopher W. Bruton of Abilene and Randi K. Chisum of Baird.

Stephen L. Sawyer of Ft. Walton Beach, FL and Meagan M. Carter of Niceville, FL.

Daniel R. Morando II and Lisa D. Warren, both of Clyde.

42nd DISTRICT COURT
 John Weeks, presiding

Civil Filings

Jamie Dawn Davis and Brandon Phillips, divorce.

James Michael Tension and Natoschia Renee Tennison, divorce.

Criminal Information & Complaints

Chevin C. Brothers, engaging in organized criminal activity

Criminal Minutes

Darren Wade Hawley, motion to dismiss motion to revoke probation and adjudicate granted.

Brandi Michelle Bell, order discharging defendant from probation under deferred adjudication.

Michael W. Salazar, order dismissing motion to revoke probation granted and amending conditions of probation.

Tommie N. Tyson, plea of guilty to aggravated assault, 7 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$254 court costs.

Deborah Dawn Anderson, order amending conditions of probation.

Joshua Welch, order amending conditions of probation.

Bruce P. Griffin, plea of guilty to DWI, 4 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$474 court costs.

Douglas M. Brady, order of dismissal granted.

Cynthia Wheeler, plea of guilty to theft by check, 3 year probation, \$250 fine, \$301 court costs, \$632.80 restitution.

Shanna Burch, plea of guilty to possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, 8 years in prison, \$234 court costs, \$140 restitution.

Chevin C. Brothers, plea of guilty to engaging in organized criminal activity, 5 year probation, \$1000 fine, \$261 court costs.

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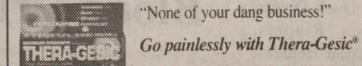
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Local Man Travels Backwards Through Cafeteria

BEXAR COUNTY- Tom W., after using Thera-Gesic® on a sore left shoulder, was able on three consecutive days to go through the line ordering while only looking back at the food. When asked why, he painlessly replied: "None of your dang business!"



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COTTONWOOD NEWS

BY WALLACE BENNETT

Fire Control Unit Changes Meeting Date

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the next meeting of the Cottonwood Fire Control Unit has been postponed until August 28, 2008.

The meeting is set for 7:00 p.m. at the fire station in Cottonwood. Please be present. If you live anywhere in the Cottonwood Valley, you have an interest in the activity of the Cottonwood Fire Control Unit.

The Cottonwood Unit is currently working on the recently acquired Forest Service truck.

Recent Visitors to Cottonwood

Beverly Brown recently entertained out of town visitors in her home. They included her niece, Trey Wren, and son, Cody, from Aurora, Colorado, and also her niece from Abilene. Teri Brown and friend, Gilbert Ibarra, of Cross Plains, joined her mother in the get together.

Cottonwood Natives Visit Kinfolk in Ft. Worth

Christopher Crocker, a nephew of Wallace and Carol Bennett, recently graduated from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, and was honored by his parents,

Mark and Pam Crocker, with a reception in Fort Worth.

Also attending this reception were Bryan and Debi Bennett and three daughters, Kelli Sue, Emma, and Danna, along with her daughter, Karsyn.

Please call Wallace Bennett for any personal or local news items about Cottonwood or people living there, or concerning personal or local business. Call me at 254-725-7474 or e-mail csb5@airmail.net. Please remember this, I can't print it, if I don't know about it.

LIBRARY NOTES

August 4-8, 2008

Patrons	153
Summer Reading Program	54
Books Checked Out	137
Copies	29
Reference	6
Internet Users	77
Interlibrary Loans	3

Book Donation:

Vicky Worley

Donations:

Lee and Teiko Breakiron
Gary Henkel

Memorials:

Margaret Priest
Peggy Jones
Ann Banks
In Memory of Bill Adams

Betty Kinnard

In Memory of Johnny Baugh

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David Elliott
Sue Bennett
Megan France
Kathleen Terstegge
Michele Kaiser
Azalee Womack
Arlene Stephenson
Ann Beeler

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Cancer Benefit Meeting to be held August 19th

The next scheduled meeting for the Cancer Benefit will be held Tuesday, August 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Texas Heritage Back Meeting Room.

All organizations are encouraged to participate as they have in the past. If you are interested in having a booth please contact Cindy Payne or Dannes Turner.

Walking teams are also encouraged to join the event.

The illuminaries will be the highlight of the Memory walk. Melissa Richards will be heading up this project.

Everyone who would like to assist with this worthy cause is cordially invited to attend.

RISING STAR NURSING CENTER

BY JOHNNIE ELLIOTT

We want to welcome Donna McIntire as our new Activity Director. Donna will begin with us on Friday, August 15, and we are looking forward to having her with us. Donna worked with us for a few months in 2006 and has been most recently employed as Activity Director at Oak Ridge Manor in Brownwood. I know she will be missed there but we are thrilled to have the "home girl back" as Donna lives next door to us! A big THANKS to Lori Osborn for keeping the bingo cards hot and to her daughter Sarah for helping with manicures. We are anxious to "get some interesting things going" and a WELCOME to Donna.

We will be losing three employees at the end of this month! Certified Nurse Aides Kasandra Harris, Miranda Burcham and Jacque Lawson have been accepted into the Ranger College Nursing School to become LVNs. We hate to lose these young women but wish them the best in their new role as students, perhaps they will come back to us with their new titles! CONGRATULATIONS to Kasandra, Miranda and Jacque. We are fortunate to have people waiting in the wings to fill these positions, more on that in the next edition.

Resident Kay Justice was able to attend a family reunion last week in Cross Plains. Employee Darla Moore took Kay in our van and it has been reported to us that "a good time was had by all".

Kay says she was not able to keep track of everyone there but always responded when someone called her "Aunt Kay". Darla came back with recipes for some of the delicious dishes that the family members brought.

A big THANK YOU to Frankie Smith for the special bingo snack prizes that she brought for our weekly bingo games. Frankie understands our special needs and it is always good to see her.

Speaking of Bingo, Jerry Holmes and Frances Fortune were the winners in Blackout last week. There is a special prize that Kay Justice has her eye on...good luck, Kay. Alvie Milam always wins the prize for showing the most excitement when he has a regular bingo and we fear for his safety when he wins Blackout!

We are blessed to have a special group of children who come to the facility the first and last Mondays to bring Bible Study for our residents. These youngsters are so well behaved and the residents always enjoy the message brought.

We have actually harvested a few tomatoes from our plants. Certainly not up to last year's standards but they tasted Grrreat! And they always bring back good memories of special people no longer with us.

We are transitioning into fall with our decorations, starting with Sunflowers and bringing out some pictures of past special events. Until next time.

Platinum-Selling Comedienne Chonda Pierce's "Circle of Laughs" Abilene, September 5th

Armed with an abundance of unpretentious Southern charm and laser sharp wit, Platinum video-selling comedienne Chonda Pierce has been entertaining audiences from coast to coast for more than a decade. An in demand stand up comic, television hostess and best-selling author, Chonda's "Circle of Laughs" tour hits Abilene September 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Southern Hills Church of Christ Auditorium, 3666 Buffalo Gap Road.

Touring with Chonda are Leland Klassen, Canada's

comedy clubs as Bonkerz, premier clean comedian. He has performed for Promise Keepers Canada and has his own episode of the US syndicated comedy series "Bananas" and has two of his own television series on the West Coast.

Zan, who is originally from Indiana, got her start in Sarasota, Florida and hold an MFA in Theatre from the University of California, San Diego. Her style of comedy has earned her placement in several films and has taken her to such well-known

Coconuts, Comedy Zone, Crakers, Improv and more. Zan also has been a featured emcee at the Women's Final Four Championship in 2008.

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AUGUST 18-22

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THURSDAY- Pinto Beans, Tomatoes & Okra, Mixed Greens, Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/ Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/ Raisins, Peanut Butter Cookie, Bread
FRIDAY- Barbeque Brisket, Baked Beans, Coleslaw w/ Raisins, Peanut Butter Cookie, Bread

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Down Home

I fear you may have lost some ground,
Seems your faith has gotten slack.
But with God's help I have no doubt,
He will help you get it back.
I don't want to sound like your judge,
That's the last thing I would do.
I just know your walk's been stronger,
And I know you know it too.

Remember the time that I was down,
And you prayed all night for me?
God used your prayers to open my eyes,
When I was too blind to see.
Yes, today I said a prayer for you,
And I'm sure that you don't mind.
Because you are a special friend,
Who is faithful, true and kind.

I pray your light will brightly shine,
For all the world to see.
And if it's not too much to ask,
Would you say a prayer for me?

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Helping Hearts and Hands Need Applicants Deadline the End of September

Is your home in need of minor repairs: painting, plumbing, insulation, and caulking? The Cross Plains Area Housing Initiative would like to extend a hand to assist you in the help you might need. Free assistance is available to homeowners who are elderly, handicapped and/or very low income. Applications are available now at the Senior Citizens Center, Texas Heritage Bank, and City Hall. The application deadline will be at the end of September and if you need any assistance in filling out the

application please call Pat Stephens at 254-725-6819. This is a worthwhile community project that has been in action since 1998. Volunteers will be needed once again to complete these projects, so be looking for a date to be set in the fall of this year. We are excited and looking forward to this year's endeavor. If you have any questions or would like information, please contact Roxie Thomas at 254-725-6141 or Pat Stephens at 254-725-6819. 21-4c

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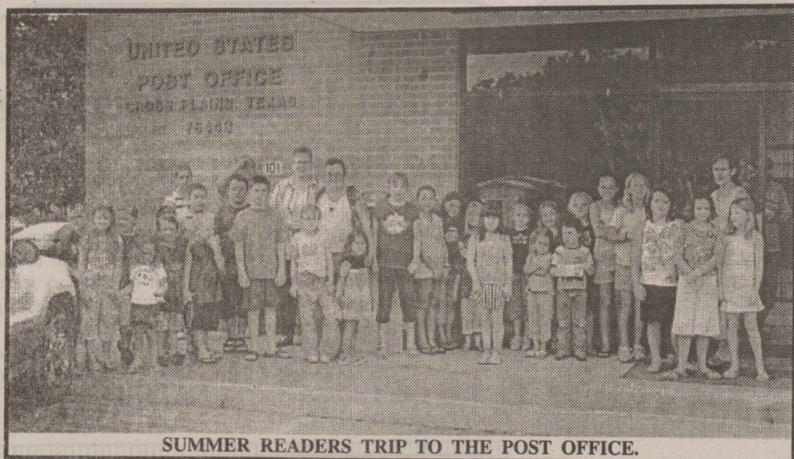
In an ad promoting boating, with a picture of a grandfather and grandson fishing together, the caption read: "Family trees are like every other tree. They need water." I thought that was a very creative ad, promoting more than just boating. "Watering the family tree," like in a grandfather and grandson fishing together, is very important. Relationships, family and otherwise, must be nurtured. Our relationship with God must be "watered" — nurtured. And our relationships with other members within His body, the church, must be fed, nurtured — "watered."

I preached at a church a few Wednesday nights ago and everyone was gone from the church building within five minutes after the last "Amen." Not much "watering" of relationships went on! In contrast, our congregation stands around and visits with one another so long that we finally tell those who haven't left yet: "Last one to leave, turn off the lights and lock the building!" "Greeting one another with a holy kiss" (Romans 16:16) might come in different forms, but they all lead to "watering the family tree."

I encourage you to share in the times of Bible study and worship with us as we strive to "sign our lives with the excellence of God." Sunday Morning Bible Class...9:45a.m. Sunday Evening Worship...6:00p.m. Sunday Morning Worship...10:45a.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study...7:00p.m. Friends & Neighbors Caring in Jesus

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SUMMER READERS TRIP TO THE POST OFFICE.

Local Post Office visited by Summer Readers Wednesday, August 6th

A trip to the Cross Plains Post Office last Wednesday was an exciting journey for the summer readers at the Cross Plains Library. Participants had the opportunity to go into the back room of the post office where all the activity takes place. Postal Retail Associate Linda Ingram told of their busy day starting early in the mornings when the mail arrives and explained how the sorting of the mail happens and how it gets into the correct mailbox. The mail also needs to be ready for the mail carriers that deliver out in the country. Linda talked to the children about the regulations a post office has to enforce because it is a federal institution. Safety issues were discussed along with the reasons for the rules. Postmaster David Elliott gave the children information about the investment they could make with stamp collecting. He gave each child a coloring and activity book about the wonders of America that is filled with facts and neat discoveries. The children left the post office with their arms loaded with handouts of guides to stamp collecting and commemorative stamp yearbooks.

After returning to the library, Helen Parson displayed her own collection of worldwide stamps and described the many designs of stamps from the United States and from foreign countries. She gave each child a packet containing assorted stamps she had acquired from Kenmore Stamp Company. She also



HARD AT WORK
Postmaster David Elliott and Retail Associate Linda Ingram



SUE BENNETT'S LITTLE READERS

encouraged them to start their own collections because of the fun and enjoyment it can bring.

Sue Bennett's Little Readers learned about friendship and made colorful sun catchers that read, "You are my sunshine".

This week Frances Thornton

presented our last program for the summer. Watch for upcoming details on our After School Adventure Program, which will resume in September on the first Wednesday's of the month.

Submitted by
Linda Burns, Librarian

CPISD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cross Plains Independent School District will be held on **August 19, 2008**, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Administrative Board Room. The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are as follows:

Open Meeting

1. Open Forum
2. Read and approve minutes from previous meetings
3. Discuss and take action on rescinding motion to sell computer
4. Discuss and take action on repairing rock wall south of the Ag Building
5. Discuss and take action on Property Insurance for CPISD
6. Discuss and take action on raising pay for substitute teachers and auxiliary personnel
7. Discuss and take action on integrated pest management program
8. Discuss and take action on food service (school meals) price increase
9. Discuss and take action on bids for dairy products and motor fuel
10. Discuss and take action on mileage reimbursement rates for CPISD employees.

11. Discuss and take action on student code of conduct/handbook
12. Discuss and take action on athletic code of conduct
13. Executive Session

A. Discuss progress on Superintendent's Goals (part of Superintendents evaluation process)

- B. Discuss hiring Business Manager
14. Take action on Executive Session items
 15. Review Financial Report
 16. Adjourn

If, during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will convene in such closed meeting in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Government Code. Before any such meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act on **August 12, 2008**, at 10:00 a.m.

Jackie Tennison
For the Board of Trustees
Addendum To Agenda
Discuss and take action on proposal for sports pictures for the District

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Back-to-school tax-free weekend begins this Friday

AUSTIN, Texas—In what has become a Texas tradition for visitors to the Lone Star State, Texas' annual tax-free weekend is scheduled for August 15-17, 2008. During tax-free weekend, the State of Texas grants shoppers a break from state and local sales tax, allowing lower prices on back-to-school shopping.

The savings begin at 12:01 a.m., Friday, August 15th, and end at midnight on Sunday, August 17th. Savings apply to individual clothing items costing less than \$100, including athletic shoes, hiking boots, dresses, shirts, jeans, pajamas, sports jerseys, and school uniforms. Shoppers can save approximately \$8 for every \$100 spent. Layaway plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday. Baby clothes, back-packs for use by elementary and secondary students, belts with attached buckles, Boots - cowboy, hiking, Caps/hats - baseball, fishing, golf, knitted; Coats and wraps, Diapers adult and baby; Dresses, Gloves (generally), Gym suits and uniforms, Hooded shirts and hooded sweatshirts, Hosiery, Jackets, Jeans, Jerseys - baseball and football, Jogging apparel, Neckwear and ties, Pajamas, Pants and trousers, Raincoats and ponchos, Robes, Shirts, Shoes - sandals, slippers, sneakers, tennis, walking, Socks (including athletic), Shorts, Suits, slacks, and jackets, Sweatshirts, Sweat suits, Sweaters, Swimsuits, Underclothes, Work clothes and uniforms.

Some of the items which will be taxed are accessories (generally) - barrettes, elastic ponytail holders, wallets, watches, Backpacks - unless for use by elementary and secondary students, Baseball cleats and pants, Belt buckles (without belt), Boots - climbing, fishing, rubber work boots, ski, waders, Buttons and zippers, Cloth and lace, knitting yarns, and other fabrics, Dry cleaning services, Football pants, Golf gloves, Handbags and purses, Handkerchiefs, Hard hats, Helmets - bike, baseball, football, hockey, motorcycle, sports, Ice skates, Jewelry, Laundering services, Leather goods - except belts with buckles and wearing apparel, Pads - football, hockey, soccer, elbow, knee, shoulder, Personal flotation devices, Rented clothing (including uniforms, formal wear, and costumes), Roller blades and skates, Safety clothing, glasses, Shoes, bicycle (cleated), bowling, and golf.

"Tax-free weekend is an opportunity for Texans and visitors alike to experience significant savings," said Julie Chase, Chief Marketing Officer, Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism. "In addition to

the excellent shopping opportunities, travelers can take advantage of the weekend by treating their families to fun-filled activities that our Texas cities offer - from rivers and dude ranches to theme parks and museums."

Attractions and hotels across the state are also offering special deals this summer to help visitors offset the cost of gas. Specials range from free hotel nights to discounts on admissions in such cities as Houston, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Austin and the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. For more information on travel discounts in Texas this summer, visit <http://www.TravelTex.com> and click on Travel Packages.

And for a complete list of tax-free items available during Tax-free Weekend, August 15th-17th, visit http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx98_490/tx98_490.html.

Tourism is one of the largest industries in Texas, employing 521,000 Texans. In 2006, travelers spent almost \$54 billion in Texas. Travel expenditures generated \$2.7 billion in state taxes and \$930 million in local taxes. For more information on Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit www.TravelTex.com or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 1-800-8888-TEX.

CLYDE 4-H BANQUET

PROJECT COMPLETION CERTIFICATES

BEEF CATTLE PROJECT: Kinnia Black, Alicia Black, Brandon Black, Sam Seay, and Amber Clark.

SHEEP PROJECT: Kat Johnston, Kinnia Black, Alicia Black, Katelynn Mitchell, Megan Scott, Garrett Scott, Monty Ellis, and BreeAnn Strickland.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING PROJECT: Brandon Black, Katelynn Mitchell, Ty Rhoads, Hayley Ancinec, Barrett Ancinec, Garrett Scott, BreeAnn Strickland.

COMPUTER SCIENCE PROJECT: Hannah Capra.

PUBLIC SPEAKING PROJECT: Hannah Capra.

POULTRY PROJECT: Landon Hart, Katelynn Mitchell, and Tate Rhoads.

PHOTO PROJECT: Hannah Capra, Randall Winans, Kailey Hart, Landon Hart, Barrett Ancinec, Hayley Ancinec, Ted Pitzer, Mary Seay, and Sam Seay.

RABBIT PROJECT: Cody Cedergren, Hayley Ancinec, and Skye Brown.

FOOD/NUTRITION PROJECT: Megan Scott, Hayley Ancinec, Tate Rhoads, Mary Seay and Sam Seay.

SWINE PROJECT: Kat Johnston, Megan Scott,

Garrett Scott, and BreeAnn Strickland.

LEADERSHIP PROJECT: Alicia Black, Brandon Black, Katelynn Mitchell, Barrett Ancinec, Landon Hart, Hannah Capra, and Kat Johnston.

MEAT GOAT PROJECT: Barrett Ancinec, Hayley Ancinec, Ty Rhoads, Katelynn Mitchell, Tate Rhoads, Peyton McIntire, Kara McIntire, Will Meier, and Mary Seay.

GARDENING/HORTICULTURE PROJECT: Randall Winans.

VET. SCIENCE PROJECT: Barrett Ancinec, Hayley Ancinec, Ty Rhoads, Katelynn Mitchell, Tate Rhoads, Brandon Black, Kinnia Black, Alicia Black, Kailey Hart, Landon Hart and Will White.

SHOOTING SPORTS CERTIFICATE: Tate Rhoads.

SHOOTING SPORTS PIN & GOLD #: Kinnia Black 1, Alicia Black 1, Brandon Hobbs.

SHOOTING SPORTS GOLD #: Trisha Burnett 2, Kara McIntire 2, Monty Ellis 2, Anthony Koch 2, Sam Seay 3, Will Meier 3, Mary Seay 3, Hayley Ancinec 3, Preston Clark 3, Ted Pitzer 3, Kailey Hart 4, Cody Cedergren 5, Katelynn Mitchell 5, Will White 5, Jarrett White 5, Ty Rhoads 5, Peyton McIntire 5, Barrett Ancinec 6, Brandon Black 6, Drucilla Meier 7, and Landon Hart 7.

2007-2008 4-H YEAR PIN BAIRD 4-H CLUB:

Kara McIntire, Peyton McIntire, Katelynn Mitchell, Ty Rhoads, Tate Rhoads, Kat Johnston, Preston Clark and Amber Clark.

CLYDE 4-H CLUB: Barrett Ancinec, Hayley Ancinec, Alicia Black, Brandon Black, Kinnia Black, Skye Brown, Cody Cedergren, Kailey Hart, Landon Hart, Drucilla Meier, Will Meier, Ted Pitzer, Jarrett White, Will White, Monty Ellis, and Garrett Ellis.

CLYDE 4-H CLUB PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Alicia Black, Brandon Black, Kinnia Black, Skye Brown, Jarrett White, Will White, Kailey Hart, Landon Hart, Barrett Ancinec, and Hayley Ancinec.

ECLA 4-H CLUB: Hannah Capra, Megan Scott, Garrett Scott, Zane Hall, Kaysi Dean, Kinsey Dean, Kelby Dean, Danielle Evans, Paige Galindo, Austin Rain, Emily Hall, and Nicki Carroll.

ECLA 4-H CLUB PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Garrett Scott, and Megan Scott.

4-H RECORD BOOK PINS

Hannah Capra-Photography Project.
Shala Wilson-Horse Project.
Landon Hart-Shooting Sports Project.
Garrett Scott-Swine Project.

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We will be closed Monday, Sept. 1st for Labor Day!

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August 14, 2008

School Supply Lists (Hinten)

Seventh Grade

- Several #2 pencils (mechanical ok as long as lead equals a #2 pencil)
1- large pink eraser
1- red pen/pencil for grading
2- highlighters
1- thick spiral notebook or 1 inch polybinder for journal writings and notes
1- black or blue ink pen
Plenty of wide-ruled notebook paper
1- folder with brads

Eighth Grade

- Several black or blue ink pens
Several #2 pencils (mechanical ok as long as lead equals a #2 pencil)
1- red pen/pencil for grading
2- highlighters
1- thick spiral notebook or 1 inch polybinder for journal writings and notes
Plenty of notebook paper (wide or college ruled)
1- folder with brads

2008-09 School Year Reserve Seats on Sale August 28 & 29, 2008 at Superintendent's Office

Same price - \$5.00 per seat for a year. This only pays for your seat, not admission to the game.

Remember,
Next School Year 2009-2010 is Homecoming.

Massive Oil Deposit Could Increase US Reserves by 10X

America is sitting on top of super massive 200 billion barrel Oil Field that could potentially make America Energy Independent and until now has largely gone unnoticed.

Thanks to new technology the Bakken Formation in North Dakota could boost America's oil reserves by 10 times, giving western economies the trump card against OPEC's short squeeze on oil supply and making Iranian and Venezuelan threats of disrupted supply irrelevant.

In the next 30 days the USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) will release a new report giving an accurate resource assessment of the Bakken Oil Formation that covers North Dakota and portions of South Dakota and Montana.

With next horizontal drilling technology it is believed that from

175 to 500 billion barrels of recoverable oil are held in this 200,000 square mile reserve that was initially discovered in 1951.

The USGS did an initial study back in 1999 that estimated 400 billion recoverable barrels were present but with prices bottoming out at \$10 a barrel back then, the report was dismissed because of the higher cost of horizontal drilling techniques that would be needed, estimated at \$20-\$40 a barrel.

It was not until 2007, when EOG Resources of Texas started a frenzy when they drilled a single well in Parshal, N.D. that is expected to yield 700,000 barrels of oil that real excitement and money started to flow in North Dakota.

Marathon Oil is investing \$1.5 billion and drilling 300 new wells

in what is expected to be one of the greatest booms in oil discovery since oil was discovered in Saudi Arabia in 1938.

The U.S. imported about 14 million barrels of oil per day in 2007, which mean U.S. consumers sent about \$340 billion dollars over seas building palaces in Dubai and propping up unfriendly regimes around the world. If 200 billion barrels of oil at \$90 a barrel are recovered in the high plans the added wealth to the U.S. economy would be \$18 trillion dollars, which would go a long way in stabilizing the U.S. trade deficit and could cut the cost of oil in half in the long run.

Submitted by
Bob Berrie
San Angelo, Texas

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

"Stop Global Warming and Save Mother Earth?"

By Laverne Cowan

April 17 was declared Earth Day for the year 2008. The cry we have heard for years is, "Save Mother Earth". Our school children are being exposed to classroom displays of our Father's beautiful earth under such captions as "Your Mother!". They are frightened into thinking they must stop this so called global warming and save Mother Earth.

I well remember when scientists were telling us that the earth was getting much colder. It would someday be too cold to grow food and we would all starve or freeze to death. All through the ages there have been cycles of hot and cold.

Genesis 8:22, God's Word says, 'While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.' Most all extreme environmentalists are of New Age Religion who worship the creation rather than God the Creator. Romans 1:22-25.

Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine released a petition signed by 31,072 American scientists, including 9,021 PhD's, who reject the idea that CO2 is boiling Earth.

Most scientists promoting global warming do not believe in God. Proverbs 1:7, The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

The world and everything in it was created by God, for man to use and care for. Genesis 1:26-30 and 9:1-3. We must be good stewards of the things God has created for our enjoyment and use. Recycling is just a new name for the now crowd, for America's older generation were taught that a willful waste was a wishful want!

The only way man can prolong existence of this earth is for us to return to our moral roots: to the great moral laws laid down in the Word of God, and keep his commandments.

God will destroy this earth, not man. He created this earth and is in full control.

Yes, the ice cap will melt and so will all the earth and everything in it. II Peter 3:10

It won't make any difference if one is a Democrat or Republican or how many trees Al Gore has hugged or how bright he has polished an Oscar, Emmy or Nobel Peace Prize; when mankind becomes so evil that there is no longer hope for him, the earth will melt with fervent heat.

Rolling Oaks Golf News

Thursday, July 31st, eight 2-man teams teed off. Korey Morris and Chaz Odom won with a five under, second place went to Kobey Morris and Terry Odom, while third went to Tommy Clark and Jimmy Kelly, and fourth went to David Scroggins and his son, Don Paul. On #6 the closest to the pin will carry over since no one landed on the green and on #2 it went to David Scroggins.

Tuesday, August 5th, 23 players teed off in the ABCD Scramble. Closest to the pin on #2 went to Jimmy Kelly and on #6 it went to Phil Davis. The scramble was won by Dave Evans' team with a 7 under and consisted of Dave, Mike Jayne, Brice Bowden, Brad Bowden and Ky McDorman.

Saturday, August 9th, will be the monthly ABCD Scramble at 1:00 p.m. Come early and get your cart before they are all rented out.

Remember to bring a friend when you come golfing. See you soon.

Cross Plains Community Health Center Open House Friday, August 8, 2008



ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF—Dr. Carlton (dentist from Breckenridge)(from left), Dr. Albert Kincheloe (Medical Director), Dr. John Humphrey, Kristi Via (SNP), Susan Jones (CEO) and Nannett Keith (Counselor).



CROSS PLAINS COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER STAFF—Charlotte Lee (Medical Assistant) (from left), Cindy Payne (LVN) and Kali Rogers (Medical Assistant).



GOOD CROWD ATTENDED LOCAL CLINIC OPEN HOUSE—Approximately 75 came by to meet the new doctors.



SERVING A GUEST—Cindy Payne (from left) and Kali Rogers offer Justice of the Peace Burlie Taylor a cup of punch at the clinic reception.

Congressman Neugebauer to speak in Clyde August 26th

United States Congressman Randy Neugebauer will be in Clyde on Tuesday, August 26th to discuss his energy and economy updates.

Congressman Neugebauer, District 19th Representative from Lubbock, will be at the Clyde Chamber of Commerce office located at 614 North 1st Street

in Clyde from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Congressman Neugebauer will also be in the communities of Friona on Tuesday, August 19th, Brownfield on Wednesday, August 20th and in Breckenridge on Tuesday, August 26th to discuss his energy and economy updates with constituents.

This Week in Texas History

By: Bartee Haile

State Police stage reconstruction Reign of Terror

AUGUST 13 - 19, 2008

The trigger-happy state police opened fire without warning on a crowd of Saturday shoppers in Brownwood on Aug. 19, 1871.

In his inaugural address in April 1870, Republican Edmund J. Davis asked fellow Radicals for a new law-enforcement legion to bring Reconstruction order to the chaotic countryside. Two months later, the governor got his wish - hired guns who answered only to him.

The state police was made up of semi-autonomous companies which often acted as judge, jury and executioner. Perhaps the worst of the bunch was the roving band of cutthroats under the command of Capt. Jack Helm.

In August 1870, Helm and his henchmen murdered two unarmed prisoners in DeWitt County for purely private reasons. The helpless victims were affiliated with the Taylors and their assassins were Sutton sympathizers in the epic Gulf Coast feud that lasted nearly 40 years.

During his four bloody months on the state payroll, Helm was blamed for as many as 20 cold-blooded killings. Although he never stood trial for his crimes, gunfighter John Wesley Hardin abruptly ended the ex-captain's retirement.

While Helm headed an all-white unit, many members of the state police were recently emancipated slaves. The volatile mixture of freedmen with an ax to grind and former Confederates, who could not accept any black in a position of authority, frequently exploded with fatal consequences.

A tragic example was the unnecessary bloodshed at Waco in August 1870. A petty incident escalated into a violent racial confrontation, when a black policeman killed a white shoplifter in an argument over a stolen watermelon. State cops and

their civilian supporters stormed a hotel, but the local sheriff averted more casualties by negotiating a cease-fire.

Sometimes white criminals exploited the racial antagonism for their own gain. At Brownwood in August 1871, a white man, who had slain another man in a quarrel over a gambling debt, sought the protection of the black state police.

The next Saturday, the murderer and his new friends fired upon a group of the dead man's associates killing one. The state gendarmes warned bystanders to leave the body alone because they planned to mutilate the corpse and send the scalp to governor as a trophy.

In December of the same year, two black policemen disrupted a court at Lynn Platt near Nacogdoches and threatened a lawyer for challenging their testimony. The justice of the peace issued warrants for their arrest on contempt citations, and a constable aided by a civilian volunteer went after the culprits.

Confronted at a nearby store, one of the policemen agreed to go along peacefully. But his partner resisted arrest shouting, "Die before you surrender!"

In the close-quarters gunbattle, all four participants were wounded and the civic-minded civilian fatally. The state cops went into hiding only to surface five days later and ambush the constable on his doorstep.

James Davidson, chief of the state force, normally refused to turn over his subordinates to county authorities. However, with much of East Texas up in arms, he made an exception in this sensational case and personally delivered the two fugitives to the Nacogdoches sheriff.

Within the year, Davidson disappeared with \$34,000 in

state funds. He bought comfortable sanctuary in Belgium and never again showed his face in Texas.

A state policeman passing through Paris in January 1873 heard that a youth under indictment for a trivial offense was not yet in custody. After downing a bottle of whiskey and talking a brother officer into accompanying him, he headed for the boy's home.

The frightened teenager went willingly to his doom. In the front yard and in plain sight of the adolescent's horrified family, the drunk policeman shot him in the back.

Cradling her mortally wounded child in her arms, the grief-stricken mother cried, "You have killed my son. Now kill me." The murderer merely laughed and walked away.

By 1873 disenfranchised Democrats had regained the vote and elected commanding majorities in both wings of the legislature. Their first order of business was the elimination of the governor's goon squad.

Bills calling for the abolition of the state police sailed through the senate and the house on Apr. 12, 1873. Gov. Davis, as expected, vetoed the measures, but his last-ditch defiance was a futile gesture. The house voted 58-7 to override the veto, and in the senate, where three Republicans broke ranks, the count was 18-7.

Texas far and wide celebrated the downfall of the outlaws in uniform. The reaction of one newspaper editor was in tune with the times. "Glory to God in the highest. On earth, peace and good will towards men!"

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Texas Farm Bureau Media Tour Highlights High Cost of Inputs

Most anyone who has paid a visit to the grocery store or gas pump lately can attest that prices are high and getting higher.

There's no relief in sight, and things could get a lot worse before they get better, the leader of Texas' largest farm organization said, particularly for the men and women who grow the crops and livestock that have become the backbone to food supplies the world over.

"I've been farming since the 1960's," said Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke, a San Angelo-area cotton and grain farmer. "In the years since, we've all seen dozens of grim situations in agriculture. They pale in comparison to the major problem that is shaping up in our industry at this very moment."

To raise awareness of the problems Texas farmers and ranchers are facing, Dierschke teamed up with several TFB state directors, as well as state and national Farm Bureau staffers, in what has been called a "barnstorm tour" of six cities in June.

Joining Dierschke were Vice President and District 13 State Director Bobby Nedbalek, District 1 State Director Billy Bob Brown, District 11 State Director Tom Paben, TFB Public Relations Director Gene Hall and AFBF Economist Stephanie Gambrell.

Together, they addressed the food and energy price dilemma at media events held in Amarillo, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, San Angelo and Waco.

The group offered presentations in each of the cities visited and participated in question-and-answer sessions with reporters to dispel myths about farm prosperity and outline the effects of high fuel and fertilizer prices on family farms.

"I know that many Americans are being told that farmers are becoming wealthy in this run-up of commodity prices," Dierschke told reporters. "It's simply not true. Prices of petroleum-driven crop inputs have blown through the roof. I cannot imagine farmers putting seeds in the ground next year if the prices for row crops fall and if we are paying the current prices of diesel—or more."

Nedbalek elaborated on the fuel price squeeze in one newspaper report by sharing his daily fuel tab during harvest time, which has soared from about \$680 per day last year, to around \$1,290 today.

Soaring input prices are just part of the problem. As Brown pointed out to reporters, drought conditions in his part of the Panhandle will likely result in three of his five farms qualifying for crop insurance payments.

"A lot of us out in West Texas are experiencing drought, and we've got so much money in our operations that when we stub our toe, the sound of the crash is pretty loud," Brown said. "I hope to make enough on the other two (farms) to break even, but that won't buy many Cadillacs."

Dierschke went on to describe what has become a "slow train wreck" for the farmers of Texas.

"The situation we are in now will not change unless the price of oil is reduced significantly," he said. "Even with commodity prices at record levels, some farmers are being forced into making major modifications in the way they farm, including reducing the amount they produce. And if that happens, consumers and farmers alike could share in a farm crisis the likes of which we've never seen."

PR Director Hall said 23 different media outlets participating in the two-day tour. Those reporters have since produced a number of headline newspaper stories, radio interviews and television news segments.

"Our focus on an under-reported facet of the food and energy crisis drew great interest from the Texas media," Hall said.

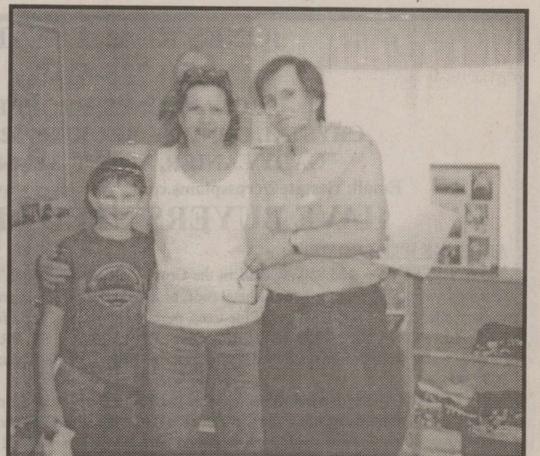
BHS Project Graduation Golf Scramble set for August 30th

Baird High School Project Graduation is hosting its first annual golf tournament on Saturday, August 30th, at Shady Oaks Golf Course. The nine hole scramble will begin at 4:00 p.m. All ages are encouraged to play. Entry fees include the cost of the green fee, cart and hamburger supper. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place teams. There will be a "Split the pot" contest on hole number 8. Fifty dollar cash prizes will be awarded to the individual who is closest to the pin on hold #2 and the individual who has the longest drive on hold #9.

Cost to play is \$30 per person or \$120 for a team of four. Entry forms are available at Shady Oaks Golf Course or by contacting Catherine Brock. The number of teams is limited so make your reservations early. The deadline to enter is August 22, 2008.

Project Graduation is seeking additional businesses to sponsor a hole. Cost to sponsor a hole is \$50. For additional information or to request an entry form, contact Telitha Neal at 513-1537 or Catherine Brock at 854-2053. All proceeds from the fund-raiser will go to provide a drug and alcohol free celebration for the Baird High School Class of 2009 following their graduation.

Submitted by: Catherine Brock



REH MUSEUM VISITORS
Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ambrose and son, Tommy, all of Austin.



MORE MUSEUM VISITORS
Robert Compton (left) and Bob Dunn of Garland.

Howard Museum Attracts Texas Travelers

Some folks just can't seem to get enough of Cross Plains. Bob Dunn and Robert Compton are two such loyal visitors from Garland. Dunn was here during the annual Robert E. Howard Days, then returned with Compton to pick up a book he had purchased from the local Library via eBay. Compton worked for the *Dallas Morning News* as book editor for years, so naturally his path had crossed with one of

our local authors and the guys returned yet another time to visit Charles and Lou Rodenberger. Dunn has his own research library housed in Stephenville.

Other Texans visiting recently were Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Ambrose and son, Tommy, from Austin, where Ambrose works as a geologist.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET

The Board of Directors of the Callahan Appraisal District will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2009 budget. The hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Appraisal District offices at 132 West Fourth in Baird, Texas on Monday, August 25, 2008. The 2009 budget proposal follows:

Total Proposed Budget **\$367,910**

This represents a 0.51% decrease over the 2008 budget of \$369,810.

Number of employees compensated in 2008 **6**

Number of employees compensated in 2009 **6**

The Callahan County Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the district. If approved by the Appraisal District board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the Appraisal District. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies.

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